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Applicant(s): Tim KEITH, et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated <u>June 23, 2006</u>, applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. In addition, a Petition for an Extension of Time (2 months) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 are filed herewith to extend the time for response until <u>November 23, 2006</u>.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.